

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and requests reconsideration of the subject application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 are pending in the subject application. Claim 8 was previously canceled.

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 3-4, 7, and 10 were amended to only address the Examiner's non-art based rejections.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 11-12, and 14-16 were amended to be consistent with the amended language of the corresponding base claim.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the originally filed disclosure.

35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTIONS

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 on the grounds that there are antecedent basis, indefiniteness and/or vagueness concerns with the identified claims. It is further indicated in the Office Action that claims 2, 6, 9, and 11-16 stand rejected because they depend from a base claim having an identified concern. Applicant respectfully traverses. The following addresses the rejections provided by the Examiner.

As provided in MPEP-2173.05(a), "[i]f the claims, read in light of the specification, reasonably apprise those skilled in the art both of the utilization and scope of the invention, and if

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the language is precise as the subject matter permits, the statute (35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph) demands no more..." (citations omitted). Also, MPEP-2173.04 provides that breadth of a claim is not to be equated with indefiniteness (citations omitted). It is clear from the foregoing remarks that one skilled in the art would, upon reading the claims in light of the specification, understand and be apprised of the scope of the invention and its utilization.

Applicant respectfully submits that one skilled in the art after reading the subject application, such as for example the discussion on pages 37-41, 46-49 and 50-51 thereof, would have understood and been apprised of the scope of the present invention. However, Applicant in the interests of advancing prosecution have amended the language of the independent claims so it is more clear as to what image data is being stored when and where as well as what data is being processed and when and where the processed data is being stored. Applicant thus believes that the areas of rejection have been identified and addressed in the foregoing amendment.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7 and 9-16 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112 and, as such, are in a condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed

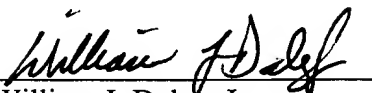
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for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit

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